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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

- 1. U.S. Patent No. 4,179,100 to Sashin, et al. dated December 18, 1979.
- 2. German Patent Application No. DE 3503465 A1 dated August 1, 1985, together with an English language abstract.

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3. South African Patent No. 93/8427 dated May 18, 1994, together with an English language abstract.

The reference Nos. 1 & 2 were cited in an International Search Report received from the International Searching Authority, dated June 21, 2000. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report. The relevance of reference No. 3 has been described in the specification.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

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